

## Message Text

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P R 151557Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8770  
INFO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
AMEMBASSY SANA  
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

S E C R E T LONDON 20242

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PFOR, MARR, MOPS, IR, MU, YS  
SUBJECT: DOWNED IRANIAN PHANTOM IN PDRY

REF: (A) LONDON 19541; (B) SANA 4325; (C) TEHRAN 12313

FCO ARABIAN PENINSULA DESK OFFICERS (KEALY AND RADCLIFFE)  
TOLD EMBOFF EVENING DECEMBER 14 THAT UK MINISTRY OF DE-  
FENSE NOW SAYS IT DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER PHANTOM WAS HIT  
BY MACHINE-GUN FIRE OR SAM MISSILE, AND THAT DETERMINA-  
TION CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL PILOT DEBRIEFED OR AIRCRAFT  
WRECKAGE RECOVERED. FCO OFFICERS ALSO INFORMED EMBOFF  
BRITISH IN MUSCAT REPORTING THAT IRANIAN NAVAL VESSELS,  
APPARENTLY WITH RECOVERY GEAR, AND IRANIAN LIAISON  
OFFICERS HAVE ARRIVED IN MUSCAT. ITEM IS ON JIC AGENDA  
THIS WEEK.

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